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Overview of EPA's Brownfields Initiative

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The goal of EPA's Brownfields Initiative is to empower States, Tribes, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

Brownfields Defined: "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

- The term "brownfields site" does not include National Priority List Superfund sites.
- The Brownfields Law defines a brownfields site broadly, but excludes certain other sites from grant funding unless EPA makes a property specific determination.

Brownfields Competitive Grant Opportunities: EPA's Brownfields Program provides financial and technical assistance for brownfields revitalization, including annual competitive grants for environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training. Applications are due in the fall. Grant funding may only be used for environmental activities.

- **Assessment Grants** provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
- **Revolving Loan Fund Grants** provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfields.
- **Cleanup Grants** provide direct funding for cleanup activities for sites owned by the applicant.
- **Job Training Grants** provide environmental training for residents of brownfields communities that have received prior brownfields assistance from EPA.

Eligible Applicants include State and local governments, land clearance authorities, redevelopment authorities, government entities created by a State legislature, regional councils of government and Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages. Non-profits can apply for clean-up grants (for sites they own) and job training grants.

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs):

- Under the TBA program, EPA can provide assistance for environmental assessments at brownfields sites. A TBA may encompass: Phase 1 assessment, full Phase 2 assessment including sampling, and establishment of cleanup options and cost estimates based on future uses and planning.

Brownfields Federal Partnership: More than 20 federal agencies dedicated to brownfields-cleanup and redevelopment have committed their resources to help revitalize communities throughout the Nation. Information on the Brownfields Federal Partnership is available at: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/partners/bf_fed_pr_gd.htm



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